

A portrait of a young man with a dark beard and a black turban, wearing a dark blue shirt with Arabic calligraphy. He is pointing his right index finger upwards. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees. The image is framed by a teal and white diagonal graphic on the left and bottom.

# SHAKIR shaheed

May Allah accept him

I witnessed the journey from Jundul Khilāfah Kashmir to the declaration and announcement of Wilāyah al-Hind with my own eyes, and i also had the opportunity to accompany most of the Mujahideen brothers of this caravan. The challenges and difficulties faced by this small army can hardly be described in words. There was, on one hand, a lack of resources at the disposal of the Mujahideen, and, on the other hand, the Sahawat forces, together with the Kuffar and Murtaddin, created obstacles in the path of this army of Allah. But glad tidings be to the youth who lit the candle of Tawheed with

their blood in order to spread its light to eradicate the darkness and therefore became an example of Allah's word "but Allah will complete his light even though the disbelievers hate (it)." So, following the methodology of the victorious group, at-Taifah al-Mansurah, this army of Allah was carrying out its duty, and raising the slogans of Tawheed wal Jihad in every nook and corner. And among those who responded to these calls and invitations of the Mujahideen of Jundul Khilafāh Kashmir was a beautiful and handsome young man from South Kashmir who had only seen 20 years of his life by the

name Shakir and would later be known by his nom de guerre Abu Bakr, the Kashmiri.

Before joining the Mujahideen, he was actively involved in the media realm making efforts to promote this aqidah and manhaj. And like others, he too had to hear and receive a lot of opposition from liberals, nationalists and the Sahawat for saying the truth as it was but that didn't make him weak. And see Allah's blessings he pours on those who remain firm, the one's who used to slander him for his dawah are the ones who embraced his dawah after his blood was spilled in this path. What an honorable life Allah blesses a Mujahid with, his life was dawah and his death also becomes a source of dawah for many. A brother narrates, "Even as he used to give dawah he would always make efforts to get in touch with the Mujahideen and he was very zealous about it. After making continuous efforts, he got in touch with brother Huzaifah al-Bakistani رحمه الله who cross questioned him and spoke to him to check his aqidah and then it was only a matter of few month's."

Around the same time, the responsibility of verifying his credentials was given to me by brother Huzaifah and after i got his details verified he was finally chosen by Allah's will to join the ranks of the righteous. In that are lessons of Sabr and Tawakul for muwahidin brothers who seek to join Jihad but are unable to make any contact. Make efforts, have patience, make Dua and place your trust in Allah and see how the Most Merciful will open ways for you. One of the last posts he wrote on Facebook before leaving for Jihad reads, "The People of Tawheed will not stop their war against Kufr and Shirk until they eliminate its very existence and until all of the religion is for Allah alone", making his intention clear, distancing from the revolutions/ uprisings/ repelling occupation/ struggle for land and announcing his loyalty to loftier Tawheed wal Jihad for the sake of Allah alone.

His joining the ranks of al-Mujahideen was at a crucial stage when we were in need of such brother's and harsh winter was upon us as well. Initially he was assigned to work in the field area of Shopian and he worked there for two-three months. Then the news of approval of Wilaayah al-Hind by Amir al-Muminin and his shurah reached us and we assembled in a forest and stayed there for some purpose as per guidelines received from the Markaz, it was there i first met brother Shakir in person but i didn't reveal it to him that his verification was done through me. So, he introduced himself to me and he was very humble, his way of speaking was very polite and he always had a smile on his face. A young mind inculcated with the spirit of Jihad and motivating other's as well with his words. Then we moved onto speak about aqidah matters and

alhamdulillah i found him to be well versed and knowledgeable.

While we were conversing, i asked him about how and when the truth about the Islamic State became clear to him. His answer was that he was enthusiastic and zealous about doing Jihad from the start but when the incidents of 2017 unfolded and as a result a faction namely AGH came to existence declaring disavowal from the tawagheet and murtaddin of Pakistan, it became a turning point and it was then and there i started studying and researching and supporting this faction initially. But as time went on, it became clear to me that this faction is only but a mirage which is limited to hollow slogans and media advertisements and on the other hand there are a number of flaws in their aqidah and manhaj as well.

I will narrate to you an incident which happened during these days, some new brothers from Lashkar joined us and we had gathered at a place during the dark of the night. One among these brother's who came from Lashkar stated that he told his family that he has joined the Islamic State and then mentioned how puzzled his family became because at that time it wasn't well known locally and like many other's they too were ignorant about it and he tried to make them understand. At this, another newly joined brother who also came from the Lashkar said, "You should have told them that it is somewhat similar to Zakir's faction AGH." Hearing this brother Shakir immediately intervened and said, there are enormous and broad differences between the Islamic State and the al-Qaeda and its ilk. Our differences are based on aqidah and manhaj, even if the ignorant people do not understand it.

Anyways, this was just an example of the depth of Shakir's understanding with regards to the astray and deviant groups and their wrongs and deception, it also highlights his Basirah. I also asked him what made you so eager to join the Mujahidin and his reply was "treachery of the treacherous", when asked he said he meant the audio of Parvez of Kulgam which he released when he defected to Hizb ash-Shaytan. "My heart was burning and i intensified my efforts to establish direct contact with the Mujahideen until i was chosen by Allah to join the ranks of Mujahideen", he added. After this, brother Shakir took my leave since the purpose which we had gathered for was fulfilled by the grace of Allah. So, he left alongwith brother Sayaar from Kulgam who was also known by the nom de guerre Abu Jarir رحمه الله to their area and they both continued giving dawah in both Shopian and Kulgam districts. Now a few of us were in a place and we received information about the possibility of conducting a massive attack and thus we called Shakir back and tried to plan and execute the at-



tack but were not able to do so.

I also accompanied him during ramadan when we made a video message for Eid and released it locally. In the said video, he said to the Rijaal in India, "O Men of Gheerah in Hind, what holds you back now? Do you not see how your sisters are unveiled and their videos made and shared? Allah is witness to the sadness which lives in our hearts seeing your conditions. Therefore, today we call you to come towards a life of honor and dignity, the life of Jihād and Qitāl. Dear Brothers, the Khilāfah has reached the gateway of Hind and the declaration of Wilayāh Hind has been made. Make contacts with the soldiers of the Khilāfah and spill the blood of vile Hindu Polytheists in every corner of India. And remember Allah's word, "So do not become weak (against your enemy), nor be sad, and you will be superior (in victory) if you are indeed (true) believers" Aal-e-Imran 3:139.

And to the Mujahideen in India, he said, "O the Lions of Islamic State in Hind, remain steadfast and believe firmly in the promise of Allah, do not show negligence in spreading the word of truth to others, and remember paradise lies under the shades of swords."

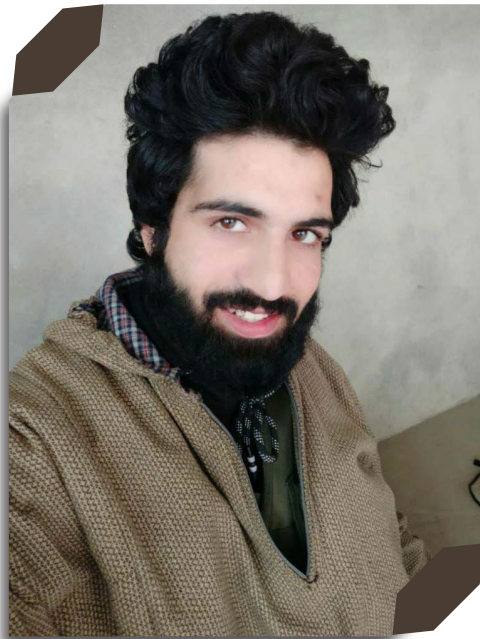
Another time a unit of Mujahideen travelled to a distant place in order to carry out an attack but the area was immediately cordoned off in which five Mujahideen got separated from each other, some went to one place and some went to another. After this incident, I met him again on the next day and took shelter in a forest and stayed there for a few days with other Mujahideen as well. But the Kuffar reached there too only a few days later for their operation and by Allah's grace the Mujahideen were able to escape from their cordon but this time we had a serious problem a brother was wounded and had received injuries on his head. One more incident which I remember was narrated to me by Abu Jarir تقبله الله when we were going back to Shopian. He said that when Kuffar raided their hideout they jumped from the slope of the forest and were sliding down the hill until they reached a road, by that time the Kuffar had encircled the whole area and had tightened the cordon layers but had no idea in which direction the Mujahideen had gone. "As soon as we tried to cross the road a volley of bullets was fired towards us but we were able to break through without harm by Allah's help." Thereafter he mentioned that the Kuffar were running after them and they got into a stream whose water

flow was so speedy that it pushed us from one side to another hitting boulder after boulder and this continued for about two hours [after which they reached a safer place]. So, these were some of the incidents and some of the difficulties and hardships which brother Shakir and his companion in Jihad Abu Jarir and other Mujahideen which we cannot forget.

The next morning, we went towards Shopian and when we entered the village of Shakir he said to us, "Start reciting Laa Ilaaha Illallah because my village starts from this point", i.e., now every step onwards is dangerous. We moved on and stopped near an orchard and hugged Shakir and Sayaar for the last time and they said to us, "Will you not stay with us?", We said to them we will stay with them another time as we have to go to another place. Thereafter the brother accompanying me addressed Shakir and said to him,

"A lot is to be done so don't get martyred early." But we didn't know this was going to be our last meeting and last time we speak to them. His face with a smile is still captured in my eyes.

Brother Khuzayma Kashmiri حفظه الله narrates the last time he spoke to him, Shakir's words were that, "I am in a haste to meet my Lord." And only a few days after this conversation and the next day of our final meeting, news reached us that his point was encircled by hordes of filthy Hindu Mushrikeen and their murtaddin police allies in his native area and in ensuing clashes he alongside



his companion Sayaar attained what they were longing for i.e death in the path of Allah and at their hands some Mushrikeen also got wounded. As if he asked Allah for it and he was blessed with it soon after نحسبه كذالك والله حسيبه. They have attained the great success and we have been left behind, we ask Allah to accept these noble souls and all the shuhadah who left their worldly comforts and found happiness in the discomforts and difficulties of Jihad and Qitaal. May they be among those whom Allah loves. May Allah give us more such brother's and allow to intensify this Jihad upon Tawheed whose foundations they have laid with their skulls. Their sacrifices are a debt on us and we vow to fight Shirk and Kufr and to strive to establish Tawheed in ourselves and our lands until we too attain either of the two outcomes, i.e, either Allah grants us victory over the enemies of deen or He grants us with the greater success i.e we get killed in His path.